

For immediate release

# The Snow Queen

By **Stuart Paterson**

From the original by Hans Christian Andersen

Directed by **Mark Thomson**

**2-31 December 2010**

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## A magical story to melt the iciest heart this Christmas

From her ice palace at the very top of the world, the wicked Snow Queen plans to turn everything to winter – no more summer, no more sunshine, no more warmth, no more holidays making sandcastles on the beach...

She starts by casting her spell over one little boy, Kay, turning his heart cold and letting him see only misery and ugliness in the world. But Kay's friend Gerda has always thought of Kay as a brother, and together with the beasts of the forest and the sun spirit Bhima, she undertakes a quest to save him – and the rest of mankind – from eternal chill!

Stuart Paterson's plays have long been popular with young audiences, especially at the Lyceum, and we're delighted to be revisiting one of his earliest, most beautiful and most popular adaptations of Hans Christian Andersen's fairytales. Guaranteed to put warmth into the coldest of hearts, however young or old you are!

Directed by Lyceum Artistic Director **Mark Thomson** (*The Importance of Being Earnest*, *The Lion*, *the Witch and the Wardrobe*, Lyceum 2008), and starring **Allison McKenzie** (*Macbeth*, *River City*) as **The Snow Queen**. The cast also includes **Grant O'Rourke** (*Romeo & Juliet*, *The Cherry Orchard*), **Robin Laing** (*Mary Rose*,

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*Monks*), **Leo Wringer** (*While You Lie*, Traverse Theatre), **Ashley Smith** (*Baby Baby*, Stellar Quines) and **Julie Duncanson** (*As You Like It*, *Six Black Candles*).

*The Snow Queen* is suitable for ages 5+, and perfect for adults too, whether they're grown up or not....

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## NOTES FOR EDITORS:

### Press night: Friday 3 December at 7.00pm

#### Cast:

Allison McKenzie	The Snow Queen
Helen Mackay	Gerda
Mark Prendergast	Kay/ Scruff/ Twitch
Leo Wringer	Bhima/ Tough Bear/ Ice Ghost
Julie Duncanson	Grandma/ Auntie Peck/ Robber Woman/ Ice Ghost
Robin Laing	Cobweb Spider
Neil Thomas	Prince/ Niko/ Reindeer
Ashley Smith	Princess Lena/ Redhead/ Ice Ghost
Grant O'Rourke	King Grin/ Muscles/ Soft Bear/ Ice Ghost
Lauren Heatherill	Female Understudy
Jeremiah Reynolds	Male Understudy

#### Creative Team:

Director	Mark Thomson
Assistant Director	Sandy Thomson
Designer	Ken Harrison
Lighting Designer	Jeanine Davies
Movement Director	Malcolm Shields
Sound Designer/ Composer	Alan Penman

#### LYCEUM TICKETS & PERFORMANCES:

Day	Date	Time	Time
Thursday	2 December		7.00pm (Preview)
Friday	3 December		7.00pm
Saturday	4 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Thursday	9 December		7.00pm*
Friday	10 December		7.00pm
Saturday	11 December	2.30pm*	7.00pm
Tuesday	14 December		7.00pm
Wednesday	15 December		7.00pm**

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Thursday	16 December		7.00pm*
Friday	17 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Saturday	18 December	2.30pm†	7.00pm
Sunday	19 December	2.30pm	
Monday	20 December		7.00pm
Tuesday	21 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Wednesday	22 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Thursday	23 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Friday	24 December	2.30pm	
Saturday	25 December	<i>MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!</i>	
Sunday	26 December	2.30pm	
Monday	27 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Tuesday	28 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Wednesday	29 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Thursday	30 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Friday	31 December	2.30pm	

\* Audio Described performances \*\* BSL signed performance † Captioned performance

Touch Tours for the visually impaired will take place on Saturday 11 December at 1pm and Thursday 16 December at 5.30pm. Ask at Box Office for details.

<b>TICKET PRICES</b>	<b>Stalls, Stalls Boxes &amp; Grand Circle</b>	<b>Grand Circle Boxes</b>	<b>Upper Circle</b>
Adult	£23	£19	£17
Child/Student/ Disabled/ Unemployed	£11.50	£9.50	£8.50
Senior	£21	£17	£15
Group 10+ Adult	£19	£15	£14
Group 10+ Child	£9.50	£7.50	£7

Side View seats are also available from £11.50 (Adults) or £5.75 (Children)  
Family Tickets - £60 (four Stalls seats, at least one under 18, subject to availability)

## **NEW FOR 2010 – PREVIEW PERFORMANCE**

Tickets just £16 for Thursday 2 December, so you can see the show first, and for less! (Child concessions only)

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Thursday 16 December at 5.30pm

## **Audio-Described Performances**

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Thursday 16 December at 7pm

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## **BSL Interpreted Performance**

Wednesday 15 December at 7pm

## **Captioned performance**

Saturday 18 December at 2.30pm

## **Fancy Dress Friday**

Friday 10 December 7pm performance

A fun night for everyone! Come in costume as your favourite character from the play, or just fancy dress to impress! Great for a group night out.

## **Family Craft Activities**

Before the matinee performances on 21 and 22 December. FREE with tickets to the show.

Children are HALF PRICE at all times at the Lyceum – ANY seat, ANY performance, from as little as £5.75!

To book tickets please call our box office on 0131 248 4848. For group bookings of 10+ please call 0131 248 4849.

For press tickets and more information please contact Melissa Clarke, Press Officer on 0131 248 4822 or [mclarke@lyceum.org.uk](mailto:mclarke@lyceum.org.uk)

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